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HALLOWEEN

Opinion split over message, intention of new costume

A debate has begun in Winnipeg over a new Caitlyn Jenner costume on sale in the city for Halloween this year.

One transgender advocate argues it could be offensive while the company that makes the costume says they are "celebrating an American icon."

On its website, U.S.-based Spirit Halloween shows the costume as being a simple long, red wig and a cream-coloured corset — the same outfit the reality TV star and former Olympian wore on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine earlier this year.

It lists the costume as being for adult women, and pairs it with a men's costume that mimics Jenner's track suit from the 1976 Olympics.

Shandi Strong, advocacy coordinator with Pride Winnipeg, says she fears it is "just an excuse for some beer-swilling dude to put on a dress and say, 'Hey, look at me, I'm a tranny.'"

"A trans woman is not a man in a dress," says Strong, who says her own journey to becoming a woman has taken 15 years. "We are someone struggling with our inner femininity to be who we are."

> **A trans woman is not a man in a dress.**
> Shandi Strong

Spirit Halloween says they create a wide range of costumes that are sometimes based on celebrities, public figures, heroes and superheroes, and says Jenner "is all of the above."

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COURT

DNA evidence focus of murder trial

The prosecution says DNA evidence will be key in the trial of a man accused of killing a transgender sex-trade worker in Winnipeg.

David Joseph Boulanger, also known as Divas B, was 28 when she disappeared in September of 2004.

Theodore Herntier has been charged with second-degree murder.

In an opening address to the jury, crown prosecutor Brian Bell told court Boulanger's body was wrapped in plastic and dumped in a rest area off the Trans-Canada Highway on the way to Portage la Prairie.

He says it was discovered in some bushes by a hunter five weeks after the killing.

Bell says DNA taken off the plastic wrap and from a Wall Street business where Herntier worked will be used to try and prove he is the killer.

Bell also says evidence will show Herntier was near Portage la Prairie on the night of the killing and made a call to friends saying his truck had a flat tire.

Friends of Boulanger are expected to testify they saw her get into a dark coloured pick up truck late one night and never saw her again.

The trial is scheduled to last five weeks.

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LOCKDOWN MAN FOUND SHOT NEAR SCHOOL Pinkham School in the city's West Alexander neighbourhood was put into lockdown after a man was found shot nearby, according to reports. Winnipeg police have not confirmed a man was shot, but did confirm an injured man was found on nearby Reitta Street Wednesday morning. The elementary school was running classes normally but people were not allowed to enter or exit until the lockdown was lifted. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

Province to provide HPV vaccine for boys

HEALTH

Infection can only be prevented by shot: Doctor

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

Beginning September 2016, boys will be offered a vaccine for the human papillomavirus (HPV) alongside girls in Grade 6 and Grade 9.

Manitoba will be the fourth province to offer this free vaccine, which Manitoba girls have been receiving since September 2008, to all children.

"This is an extremely effective and safe vaccine," said Chief Provincial Public Health Medical Officer Michael Routledge. It presents an opportunity to prevent disease in Manitoba.

HPV has been proven to cause several types of cancer, including cervical, neck and penile.

As dangerous as the sexually transmitted disease can be, it can go undetected as it often does not have symptoms and most cases clear up without complications.

An estimated 80 per cent of sexually active Canadians will contract the virus, which is spread through skin-to-skin contact, said CEO of CancerCare Manitoba, Dr. Sri Navaratnam.

From left: Michael Routlege, Dr. Sri Navaratnam, Rob Altemeyer and Sharon Blady made the announcement at CancerCare Manitoba Wednesday. MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

BACKGROUND

Initially, HPV vaccines were free for women of all ages.

"It really is most effective before you're exposed," said Chief Provincial Public Health Medical Officer Michael Routledge.

For that reason, the vaccine is no longer free for women born before 1997. He says it's a newer vaccine, so discovering how to use it most effectively is still a work in progress.

"It cannot be prevented by condoms," said Navaratnam. "Vaccination is the only way to prevent this infection."

Health Minister Sharon Blady is a survivor of an HPV-related cancer. She said this will prevent people from having to go through the journey to recovery that she went through.

"This announcement is very much about investing in the future of our young men," said Blady. In her opinion, it will make a generational change.

"If we can prevent people from coming in the door, then we can better meet the need of those places where there is no control," Blady said. She noted that HPV-related cancers are one of the few that can be prevented by a vaccine.

As the program is voluntary, parents will be asked to give consent before their children are vaccinated.

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IN BRIEF

Bowman proposes new committees

Mayor Brian Bowman has proposed a re-organization of city committees to better manage the issues of water and waste inside city limits. Bowman proposed changes Wednesday to the city's current five Standing Policy Committees, including adding another one.

The biggest change would see property and development give up water and waste issues, to be handled by a newly-named Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and Environment committee.

Bowman also would like to refocus the Alternative Service Delivery committee, which will continue to "address matters pertaining to SOAs while broadening the mandate to look at new and innovative ways to improve how the City does business." It will be called the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. The idea will go before council next Wednesday. METRO

No recount for Toet

Defeated incumbent MP Lawrence Toet will not be demanding a recount. In a post on Facebook Wednesday afternoon, incoming NDP MP Daniel Blaikie said Toet called him.

"He called after today's validation meeting at the Returning Office to inform me that his campaign would not be pursuing a recount and to offer congratulations," wrote Blaikie. "I thank him for the call and a fair, hard-fought campaign."

Blaikie won the Elmwood-Transcona riding by only 51 votes, the closest riding in Monday's federal election. METRO

Mayor Brian Bowman says his top priority for year two is increased and ongoing investments in infrastructure. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Bowman happy with his first year in office

CITY HALL

Mayor says he's doing a good job and has no regrets so far

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

If there's one person who thinks Mayor Brian Bowman has done a great job in his first year at city hall, it's Mayor Brian Bowman.

On the first anniversary of taking over the mayor's chair in Winnipeg, Bowman was asked how he thinks he's doing so far.

"We had a very strong start to this new council," said Bowman, "And I'm very pleased that we increased the focus on openness and transparency."

Transparency at city hall is now "unprecedented," according to Bowman.

Bowman said that since he took over as mayor, the state of the roads in Winnipeg have started — and will continue — to improve.

"On fixing the roads, that is something that I am particularly proud of," said Bowman, who says the city has put $103 million into road renewal.

"I think you can see it when you drive around town now with the amount of fresh asphalt in pretty much every part of the city.

Bowman was asked if he has any regrets in year one as mayor, and was quick to respond.

"I don't have any regrets. If citizens look at the city hall as it is now compared to the city hall we inherited, I think they've seen us move in the right direction."

True North Sports and Entertainment (TNSE) chairman Mark Chipman lashed out at Bowman back in February after Bowman claimed a deal between TNSE and the CentreVenture Development Corporation was done unethically, but Bowman was not ready to concede he did anything wrong.

"The question was do I have any regrets, and the answer is no."

Bowman said his number one priority for year two is "increased and ongoing" investments in infrastructure, and specifically road infrastructure.

Coun. Russ Wyatt was less enthusiastic about Bowman's first year in power.

"My summary of year one is we're treading water," said Wyatt. "We're not going backwards, but we're not going forward either because we don't have a plan.

"We've got to get everyone in the room and get going in the same direction."

Everyone seems to like him, but substance-wise I haven't seen much.
Jordan Maas

I like how he has handled himself, and I like how he is representing our city.
Kevin Lawrence

I was impressed with him when we were labelled the most racist city. The way he handled that was excellent.
Beverly Breton

I think he has brought great change, and a lot more trust from what we had before.
Allan Tillenius

I wish he wasn't so focused on rapid transit. That money should go towards more buses and more drivers.
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T66 marks 100th release

BACKSTAGE PASS

Indie label celebrates new album with weekend show

Jared Story
For Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg record label Transistor 66 has more kids than Cletus and Brandine from the Simpsons.

Since 2003, the self-described "happily dysfunctional family" has pumped out 100 releases. Despite its ever-growing and incestuous roster, Transistor 66 is clearly more competent than those slack-jawed yokels from Springfield.

The label's 100th release, The New Kids, Volume One — available for free at newkids.transistor66.com — is a compilation of what Transistor 66 patriarch Art MacIntyre calls the "third generation."

"Ninety per cent of our bands have been in another one of our bands previously or there is some sort of direct connection," MacIntyre said.

"We want our bands to play together, tour together and party together, and that's what we've done."

New Kids features such acts as rockabilly renegade Gordie Farrell, surf punks The Thrashers and powerhouse duo Chica Boom Boom. The latter act consists of Alana Mercer and J-Rod, who played in past T66 bands The Gorgon and American Flamewhip, respectively.

Rewind 100 tapes ago.

Transistor 66 began in 2003 with the release of Rowdy Duty by Winnipeg rockabilly band The Rowdymen. The label followed that up with Guess Who's Home, a tribute to The Guess Who featuring 18 Winnipeg acts.

MacIntyre says Guess Who's Home was a game changer.

"Guess Who's Home was a beast unto itself," MacIntyre said. "We thought we'd knock it off in about six months, but it took us two years to complete. We ran every band through Bedside Studios with Lenny Milne. It was a very costly project. Burton and Randy made way more money off it than we'll ever make."

However, Guess Who's Home introduced MacIntyre to The Fabulous Kildonans, which in turn introduced him to Hot Live Guys and American Flamewhip. Although those three bands are no longer active, MacIntyre said they set the tone for Transistor 66.

"Dirty, trashy rock 'n' roll," MacIntyre said. "We still have the roots bands. Scott Nolan (the label's longest-serving act) and The Crooked Brothers are two of our most successful artists, but the trashy, dirty rock 'n' roll is still what we're looking for."

Winnipeg surf-rock band The Thrashers is one of the acts featured on New Kids, the 100th musical offering from local label Transistor 66. JOEY SENFT

DIRTY ROCK

To celebrate the release, Transistor 66 is throwing a Rock 'N' Roll Weekender. The event takes place Friday and Saturday at The Handsome Daughter. Admission is $10 each night.

IN BRIEF

Bat Appreciation Month commemorated with spooktacular zoo event

To celebrate Bat Appreciation Month, the Assiniboine Park Zoo is throwing a Halloween Spooktacular.

If you show up in costume, you will receive a 25 per cent discount on admission from Oct. 23 to 31.

Even Winston the polar bear will be in disguise, according to the zoo, but he'll be out of sight when a diver heads underwater to carve a pumpkin.

People can also watch as another pumpkin is served to cockroaches.

Attendees will also be able to learn more about other creepy critters, such as poison dart fogs and bearded dragons, at the Witches Brew.

For more information on the numerous other spooktacular events that are taking place throughout the week, you can find a list of activities online at assiniboineparkzoo.ca.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Rocky Horror fans ready for Halloween time warp

Nigel Moore
For Metro | Winnipeg

Wasteland Productions has fans of The Rocky Horror Show shivering with anticipation.

The Winnipeg-based theatre company will present a live stage production of the rock-musical comedy, with an all-local cast and six-piece band, for the Halloween season.

Yes, Brad and Janet are about to be caught with a flat again. This time on South Osborne in front of the Park Theatre, where Dr. Frank N. Furter and his faithful handyman, Riff Raff, will draw them inside for a late night double feature of madness, mayhem and creature-building.

The show will start Thursday and run nightly (except Monday) until Halloween.

Quinn Greene and Dan De Jaeger are co-producers of the show, with Rory Fallis and Katie German. The principals of Wasteland, who did Evil Dead: The Musical at the Park Theatre last year, see themselves as outliers.

"We want to be those guys, to dress up in drag or spray people with blood. Bring on the weirdness to Winnipeg; that's what we want," said Greene.

As the mad scientist Frank N. Furter, De Jaeger will be stepping into high heels made famous by actor Tim Curry in the cult film marking its 40th anniversary this year.

"It's one of those daunting challenges," said De Jaeger. "Ultimately the version people are going to see will be mine. But you have to acknowledge Curry's performance, because it's so iconic."

"Fun kits" of interactive props will be available for purchase, but come with a warning.

"As opposed to the film, where you're throwing things and you're yelling at a screen, we're live. We're there in the room with you. You throw something at us? You yell at us? We might just yell back! We might just throw something back," said Greene.

Tickets are $35, available at Ticketfly.com. Creatures of the night are encouraged to wear costumes and bring non-perishable food items to donate for Winnipeg Harvest.

A live stage production of The Rocky Horror Show will be at the Park Theatre on Oct. 30 and 31. RAS CREATIVE

REMEMBERING

Year has held ups and downs

Strangers to each other became bound by the unimaginable tragedy on Oct. 22, 2014, when a gunman went on a deadly rampage in Canada's quiet capital.

As the country marks the one-year anniversary of the fatal shooting of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, Martin Magnan has been thinking about that awful day.

Magnan didn't have first aid training, but he didn't back down from helping those who did.

Cpl. Kyle Button instructed Magnan, a communications adviser for DND at the time, to lift Cirillo's legs to keep the blood flowing into the soldier's torso.

Magnan and five others who came to Cirillo's side that day were awarded the St. John Ambulance Service's highest honour, the gold Life Saving Medal, in June.

"It's part of me, it's part of my history. And it's made me a better person, I hope. I've had my ups and downs," he said. JOE LOFARO/METRO OTTAWA

A member of the Canadian Forces salutes at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shootings incited fear, but did it last?

Officers patrol the National War Memorial in Ottawa, the scene of the shooting death of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo by Michael Zehaf Bibeau. JOE LOFARO/METRO OTTAWA

POLITICS

Election result suggests Canada is not more insular

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

When the House of Commons reconvened the day after last year's attack on Parliament Hill and the National War Memorial by a lone gunman, there was a new level of collegiality among MPs.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper advised his colleagues to take care of their health. He and his opponents, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, all exchanged hugs.

But there were also early hints the shootings — which happened one year ago Thursday — would change things.

"In recent weeks, I have been saying that our laws and police powers need to be strengthened in the area of surveillance, detention, and arrest," Harper told MPs. "I assure members that work, which is already underway, will be expedited."

> **Our laws and police powers need to be strengthened in the area of surveillance, detention, and arrest**
>
> Now-outgoing Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Mulcair mentioned the weekly yoga session on the lawn of Parliament Hill as a symbol of the country's openness and freedom.

"We cannot allow that openness and freedom to be rolled back," Mulcair said. Trudeau made similar remarks.

Yoga didn't go away. But security at Parliament Hill has been beefed up, and responsibility has been transferred to the RCMP.

The Conservatives passed Bill C-51, their controversial anti-terror legislation that gave the country's security agencies more power to share information and disrupt potential terror plots, among other things. The Liberals supported it, but Trudeau said his party would amend it.

The election campaign saw issues such as the Government's wish to strip convicted terrorists of their Canadian citizenship. But the result has perhaps shown that Canada has not become a more fearful and insular society since the shooting, with voters turning away from a Conservative party that campaigned on security in favour of a Liberal party that preached "sunny ways," as Trudeau said in his victory speech on Monday.

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CONSERVATIVES

Race on to find a new Tory leader

The Conservatives have taken their first steps towards a leadership race by setting up a committee that will set the rules of the upcoming contest.

That committee will be able to work on its own and won't have to report to any corner of the party, including the national council. It appears the leadership election organizing committee, as the party calls it, will operate in an independent silo to set the rules, dispute resolution mechanism and logistics for the race to replace Stephen Harper.

Three senior party executives were named to the committee Tuesday night and will be joined by Tories from within and beyond the national council, The Canadian Press has learned.

The three committee members — party president John Walsh, vice-president Cameron MacKeen and secretary Michael Lauer — will select the remaining members, taking into account regional, gender and minority representation.

That group will influence the course of the contest because the party's constitution says little about how a leadership race is to run. The party hasn't had to elect a leader since 2003, when the newly formed Conservative Party of Canada selected Harper to take its helm.

Leadership hopefuls may be able to sway the rules of a contest as the committee helps them take shape.

However, committee members will have to pledge that they will remain neutral during the race and not publicly back candidates.

Potential leadership hopefuls include Tony Clement, who has privately talked with supporters about taking a shot at the party's top job; Kellie Leitch, who appears ready to put together a campaign team; Lisa Raitt; and Maxime Bernier.

Former Quebec premier Jean Charest remains a possibility, and there is a group of Conservatives who are supporting a bid by Doug Ford, a former Toronto councillor and brother to the city's former mayor, Rob Ford.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and B.C. Premier Christy Clark have both said they're not interested in jumping into the leadership contest.

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Stephen Harper is stepping down. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau makes his way to the National Press Theatre on Tuesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

First-past-the-post may be on last legs

DEMOCRACY

Justin Trudeau sticks to vow to reform system

Big electoral changes loom for Canada.

Prime-minister-designate Justin Trudeau has promised that Monday's election would be the final one ever conducted using the traditional first-past-the-post system.

That means the "winner-takes-all" way Canadian voters have always elected their MPs will be changed in time for the 2019 federal campaign.

"It was one of our commitments that this would be the last election based on this process," Trudeau told reporters in Ottawa on Tuesday.

"We have much work to do, to consult, to be engaged with Canadians, to study the issue so that upcoming elections are indeed done in a different way," he said in French.

Trudeau made his comments even though his Liberals won 184 seats in the 338-member Commons — or 54.4 per cent — with just 39.5 per cent of the popular vote.

"Over 9 million Canadians didn't get to vote in a representative in this election," said Kelly Carmichael, executive director of Fair Vote Canada, which is advocating for electoral reform a.

If a form of that voting system were in place, Trudeau's Liberals might have won 134 seats in the Commons, a minority that would have forced them to seek partners for a governing coalition.

Trudeau has promised that an all-party parliamentary committee will be struck to consider reforms — including proportional representation.

Kelly Carmichael said her organization would like to see a "task force" of experts and MPs to study options.

But she is confident they will conclude some type of proportional representation system is the answer because it works in other countries such as Germany and New Zealand.

Activist Dave Meslin, who is helping co-ordinate 123 Ontario, a network of municipal voting-reform campaigns, said it was "historic" that the federal Liberals, New Democrats and Greens all made democratic renewal promises.

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DRONES

Scientists in awe of rich detail seen in aerial images

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Biologist John Durban says he was blown away when he saw the rich detail in an aerial photograph showing a tender moment of an orca mother nursing her calf off the British Columbia coast.

The stunning photo is just one of thousands of images recently taken by a drone operated by a joint team of researchers at the Vancouver Aquarium and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the U.S.

"It's an incredible photograph," NOAA biologist Durban told reporters at a news conference Wednesday to discuss the study's findings. "It's just a view you don't get when you're in the boat and you're not close to the whale."

The project marks the first time scientists have used a drone mounted with a camera to take photos of two orca populations, the southern residents and northern residents, to assess the animals' body condition and determine which ones are healthy, malnourished or even pregnant.

Scientists have been keeping a keen eye on the southern resident orcas, which are listed as endangered under Canada's Species at Risk Act. Southern residents prefer to eat Chinook salmon, as well as some other types of fish, but a reduction in the availability of prey has threatened the animals' recovery.

After two record Chinook runs, however, aerial images of the orcas taken over the summer reveal promising news. The scientists found the southern resident orcas are not only robust, but several appear to be pregnant.

POP CULTURE

Recalling DeLoreans: Health Canada doesn't need roads

Colin McNeil
Metro | Toronto

Great Scott, this is heavy.

If you have a time-travelling DMC-12 model DeLorean in your driveway, you may want to call Doc Brown. Health Canada issued a playful recall of the movie time machine on Wednesday, better known to pop-culture nerds as Back to the Future Day.

The recall details a defect in the flux capacitor that "could lead to inability to travel through time while travelling at 88 miles per hour (141.6 km/h)." Health Canada suggests bringing it to the fictional Dr. Emmett Brown for repair or face "disastrous consequences."

That was before Google "leaked" the supposed confidential documents for Project Flux — a spoof set of papers detailing their plans for a time-travelling car. Spoiler alert: it's not as cool looking as the DeLorean.

USA Today got into the fun too, with a mock front page that was a near-exact replica of the one shown in the film Back to the Future II, complete with Michael J. Fox's mug shot and news about cholesterol curing cancer.

Christopher Lloyd, left, and Michael J. Fox in a scene from Back to the Future. UNIVERSAL PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPACE

Astronomers find real-life Death Star

A white dwarf star in the constellation Virgo turns out to be a Death Star worthy of Star Wars.

Astronomers announced Wednesday they discovered a rocky object coming apart in a death spiral around the star.

They used NASA's exoplanet-hunting Kepler spacecraft to make the discovery, then followed up with ground observations.

"This is something no human has seen before," said Andrew Vanderburg of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, the lead author.

"We're watching a solar system get destroyed."

The data show the object in an orbit 837,000 kilometres from the white dwarf — the approximate distance from the Earth to the moon, and back.

Scientists believe the original object may have been a planet whose orbit became unstable, and was kicked inward.

The fictional Death Star of Star Wars fame was the Empire's monstrously big space arsenal capable of destroying an entire planet.

The findings are being published this week in the journal Nature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A rendering showing an asteroid slowly disintegrating as it orbits a white dwarf star. HARVARD-SMITHSONIAN CENTER FOR ASTROPHYSICS

IN BRIEF

Israel's Netanyahu draws ire for WWII accusation

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sparked an uproar on Wednesday for suggesting that a WW II Palestinian leader persuaded the Nazis to adopt their Final Solution to exterminate six million Jews. Holocaust experts and survivors said the comments are inaccurate and lessens Adolf Hitler and the Nazis' responsibility.

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Joe Biden not running for U.S. presidency in 2016

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden declared Wednesday he won't run for president in 2016. The decision bolsters Hillary Rodham Clinton's standing as the front-runner. During an appearance in the White House Rose Garden, Biden cited his son Beau's recent death from brain cancer as one of the reasons behind the decision.

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Groups of migrants struggle to make their way across the Balkans in Europe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refugees continue to pour into Slovenia

CRISIS

Nation lobbies EU leaders for financial and security aid

After too many days and nights stuck outside in the rain and cold, tempers are fraying among the tens of thousands of migrants trying to get through the Balkans to the heart of Europe.

A fire at the main refugee camp on Slovenia's border with Croatia destroyed a dozen army-issue tents Wednesday.

While the government said it was still investigating the cause, police at the scene told The Associated Press that migrants had set a stack of UNHCR-supplied blankets deliberately on fire to protest conditions in the camp on the outskirts of Brezice.

Many migrants from the Middle East, Asia and Africa expressed bewilderment and disappointment because they had been told as they began their journeys in Turkey that the hard part would end once they reached the EU.

"We did not think Europe is like this: no respect for refugees, not treating us with dignity. Why is Europe like this?" said Iraqi refugee Ari Omar in Slovenia.

21,500

More than 21,500 refugees have crossed to Slovenia since Hungary closed its borders with Croatia five days ago.
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More than 21,500 people have crossed that frontier in the five days since Hungary — the previous favoured EU entry point for migrants crossing the Balkans — closed its borders with Croatia and forced the human tide further west into Slovenia.

The Alpine country of barely two million says it can't cope with the volume of human traffic and has been seeking help.

Reflecting Slovenia's lack of sufficient shelters, more than 3,000 people who crossed the border Wednesday night were ordered to sit in cornfields, surrounded by police and soldiers, until buses could deliver them north to Austria.

Slovenia President Borut Pahor has spent the past two days in Brussels lobbying EU leaders for financial and security aid.

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ARCHITECTURE

La Sagrada Familia set to be tallest religious building in Europe

Barcelona's breathtaking La Sagrada Familia Basilica, designed by visionary architect Antoni Gaudi, has begun its final phase of raising six immense towers that will make it Europe's tallest religious building.

Presenting the project Thursday, chief architect Jordi Fauli said the central "Tower of Jesus Christ," the tallest of the six, will make the architectural marvel one for the record books.

"The central tower of 172.5 metres (566 feet) will make it the tallest cathedral in Europe, because the tallest tower in Europe is Ulm, at 162 metres (531.5 feet)," Fauli said.

The Sagrada Familia, an emblematic fixture of the Barcelona skyline and major tourist site, had its first stone laid in 1882. It is 70 per cent complete.

Fauli said the plan to have the towers and most of the church's structure completed in 2026 for the 100th anniversary of Gaudi's death is still on schedule. He said there will still be some elements left to finish, such as decorations.

"It's difficult to predict but we can say that it will be completed by 2030, 2032," he said.

BACKGROUND

Antoni Gaudi

The architect commissioned to build the basilica died in 1926 after being struck by a trolley. He never expected the cathedral to be completed in his lifetime.

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The "Tower of Jesus Christ" will be crowned by a cross and tightly surrounded by five other towers, one dedicated to Mary and four slightly shorter ones for the four apostles.

Fauli unveiled the next phase of the construction in a newly finished chamber that formed a small amphitheatre perched 60 metres (196 feet) above the church floor.

The monument received more than 3.2 million visits in 2014, making it one of the biggest tourist sites in Spain.

The entrance fees of 15-20 euros ($17-22 US) finance the construction budget of 25 million euros ($28.38 million) a year.

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La Sagrada Familia Basilica has begun the final phase of raising its six immense towers. MANU FERNANDEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer visits a makeshift memorial for NYPD Officer Randolph Holder outside the police station in New York on Wednesday. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arrest made in N.Y. police killing

CRIME

Accused was wanted in shooting of gang member

A career criminal accused of killing a police officer had been released from jail into a drug diversion program and was wanted in a shooting last month, said Police Commissioner William Bratton, noting that the suspect had shown an increasing level of violence and shouldn't have been on the streets.

Tyrone Howard is expected to be charged with fatally shooting New York Police Department Officer Randolph Holder during a gunfight Tuesday night on a pedestrian bridge after stealing a bike.

He was arrested in October 2014 along with 18 other people and charged with selling crack cocaine at an East Harlem public housing complex. But Bratton said Howard was released into a drug diversion program, which is meant to keep drug offenders from overcrowding the city's jails.

"If ever there was a candidate not to be diverted, it would be this guy," Bratton said. "There are people in our society who are criminals, who are violent criminals ... who should be separated from the rest of society."

But court officials said Howard qualified for the program because he was charged with selling and possessing drugs and was addicted. "Actually, he's the perfect candidate in many ways," said state court system spokesman David Bookstaver.

Howard pleaded guilty to the drug charge this May and was ordered to attend monthly status meetings, but he stopped attending those Aug. 21. An arrest warrant was issued Sept. 17.

The 30-year-old had been arrested 28 times since he was 13 for offences including drug possession and robbery, authorities said. He's been sentenced to state prison twice since 2007 on drug possession and sale convictions, state records show. Howard was arrested in connection with a June 2009 shooting that left an 11-year-old with a gunshot wound to the leg and a 78-year-old grazed by a bullet, according to police. The disposition of that case wasn't immediately clear.

Howard had also been wanted in connection with the Sept. 1 shooting of a gang member, said James O'Neill, the NYPD's chief of department. He skipped court appearances and police couldn't track him down, O'Neill said.

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IN BRIEF

At least 150 Boko Haram militants killed in Nigeria

Self-defence fighters said Wednesday they fought alongside Nigerian soldiers to kill 150 Boko Haram militants and rescue 36 child and women captives of the Islamic uprising in the country's northeast.

Jubilant civilians who participated in Tuesday's assault said they went to the Madagali and Gwoza areas acting on intelligence that the extremists were planning a large attack. Fighter Bukar Jimeta said they killed at least 150 militants.

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MIDDLE EAST

Kurds expand their territory in Syria

Syria's Kurds have expanded their semi-autonomous region in northern Syria, announcing Wednesday a new administration in a majority Sunni-Arab town they seized from the Islamic State group this summer.

The announcement falls short of declaring Tal Abyad a separate region, but prepares it for such a step if the current experiment is successful, said Kurdish official Omar Alloush, who is part of the umbrella group administering the Kurdish semi-autonomous region.

Syria's Kurds, the country's largest ethnic minority group long ostracized under the central government, declared a semi-autonomous administration in 2013 made up of three largely Kurdish regions in Afrin, Jazeera and Kobani. They refer to their overall autonomous region as Rojava. But many accused the Kurds of displacing the town's majority Arab population. The UN refugee agency at the time said the Kurdish advance caused the displacement of about 23,000 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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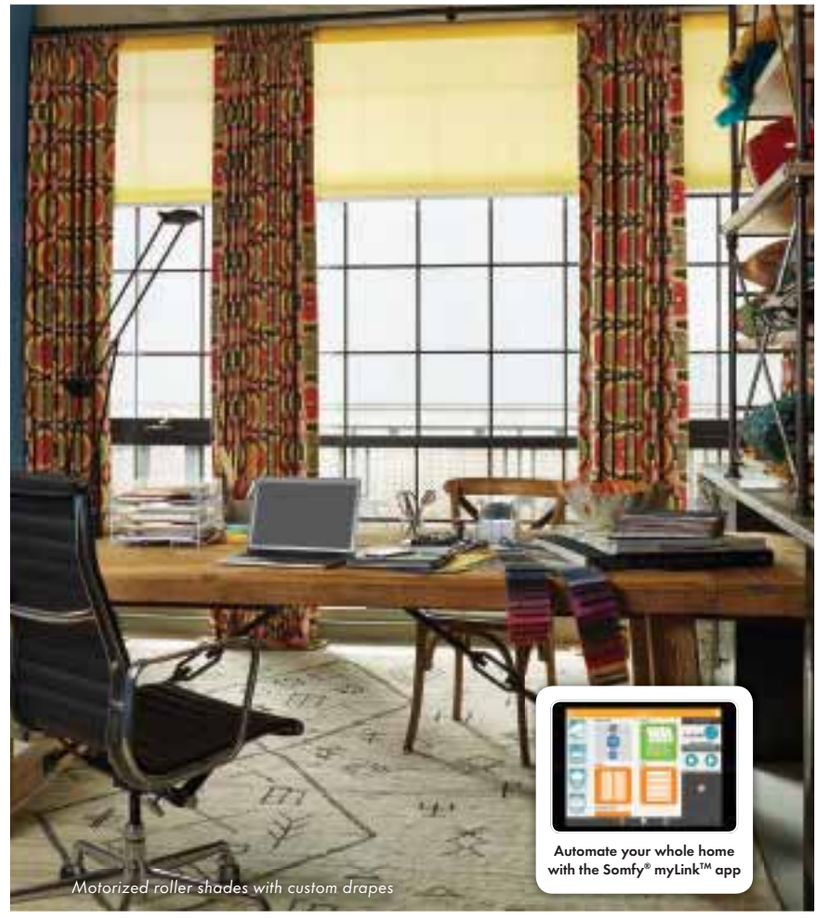

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ELECTION

Haiti officials promise people safety, fair vote

About a dozen top Haitian officials appeared on state television Wednesday in an effort to reassure anxious voters that they will keep their promises of organized, fair and peaceful elections this weekend.

The prime minister, various Cabinet members, the police chief and the elections director spoke on the national broadcast about preparations for Sunday elections that will see Haitians casting ballots for president, Parliament and local offices. Looking directly into a TV camera, Prime Minister Evans Paul told Haitians citizens that the weekend balloting will be held as scheduled and voters will be respected.

"Everybody prepare to go vote, there will be elections," Paul said, adding that "a lot of money has been spent, a lot of energy has gone into" getting ready for this year's three-round electoral cycle.

Widespread delays and disorder troubled the first round of legislative elections on Aug. 9, which saw an 18 per cent voter turnout. That balloting was billed as a crucial test of the country's electoral system ahead of the first-round presidential vote this weekend. Yet numerous polling stations had to wait hours for ballots after voting was supposed to start at dawn that day. In some areas, voters grew exasperated after being told they couldn't vote because their names weren't on official lists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Group says American Muslims feel 'under siege'

The decision by the family of a Texas teenager to move to Qatar is not surprising in light of lingering anti-Muslim sentiment that makes many U.S. followers of Islam feel as if they are "under siege," a spokesman for a national Muslim-American group said Wednesday.

The teen, Ahmed Mohamed, shot to national prominence last month after he was arrested for bringing a homemade digital clock to school. On Tuesday, the family announced that they would soon leave their modest home in the Dallas suburb of Irving and move to Qatar.

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Guyana reports 'troubling' prevalence of child labour

A government survey found a "troubling" amount of child labour in Guyana, with minors engaged in prostitution and children as young as five working on farms around dangerous chemicals, the Ministry of Social Protection said Wednesday. The study, based on a survey of 532 children and young workers, found many children engaged in selling produce in the streets and working in agriculture. It determined that kids "of all ages" are involved in prostitution, according to a summary released by the ministry.

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Mexican man shot dead by U.S. border inspector

CALIFORNIA

Agency has come under fire for use of deadly force

A customs official stands guard at the port of entry along the border in California. A U.S. Customs and Border Protection official says an inspector appears to have followed protocol when he fatally shot a Mexican man on Wednesday. GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A U.S. border inspector fatally shot a knife-wielding Mexican man at a California crossing on Wednesday, and an agency official quickly defended his actions.

The Customs and Border Protection officer fired his gun four times around midnight, striking the man in his chest and possibly in his neck at the port of entry in downtown Calexico, about 120 miles east of San Diego and across the border from Mexicali, Mexico, said Pete Flores, the agency's San Diego field office director.

The 35-year-old Mexican, who was not permitted to enter the United States, was on a bicycle in a vehicle inspection lane for "trusted travellers" and appeared as if he wasn't going to stop, Flores said. The man wielded a knife that was about eight inches long after the inspector grabbed his other arm and forced the man to drop his bike.

The man raised his knife and moved toward the inspector, who was backing away when the shots rang, said Flores, who didn't know the precise distance between the two men.

The man was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. The officer, who worked in Calexico since joining Customs and Border Protection in February 2008, was unharmed. Neither name was released.

"At this point it appears that protocol was followed," Flores said. "When we have an individual who is using deadly force, our protocol is not using anything less, to equal that force."

Customs and Border Protection has come under heavy scrutiny from advocacy groups and some law enforcement experts for use of deadly force. The agency includes the Border Patrol, which operates between border crossings, and an office of field operations, which manages Calexico and other ports of entry.

Customs and Border Protection said last week that its employees used firearms 28 times during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 and less lethal weapons — like stun guns, pepper-ball launchers and batons — 740 times. It didn't say how many resulted in death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Robert Kyncl, YouTube's chief business officer, speaks as the company unveils YouTube Red, a new subscription service, on Wednesday, in Los Angeles. DANNY MOLOSHOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YouTube launching an ad-free service

INTERNET

Plan offers music, videos and movies for $10 a month

YouTube is launching a subscription plan in the U.S. called Red that combines ad-free videos, new original series and movies from top YouTubers like PewDiePie, and on-demand unlimited streaming music for $10 US a month.

Red builds on Google's existing music streaming service by providing ad-free access to YouTube programming, along with features such as the ability to download videos to mobile devices and have music playing in the background while using other mobile apps.

Current subscribers to the $10 US-a-month Google Play Music service will also get access to Red.

The service will not be available in Canada when it launches.

$54.6 million

Internet radio giant Pandora Media made $54.6 million US on subscription and other revenue in the quarter through June, mainly from its $5-a-month ad-free plan, Pandora One.

Red targets YouTube fans who want to skip ads, while giving them a chance to pass along some cash to their favourite video creators, who'll share in the new revenues. It comes as streaming services like Hulu, Pandora, Spotify and TuneIn offer ad-free as a paid option.

The plan, which launches Oct. 28, includes exclusive access to new videos launching next year, as well as the YouTube Music Key service — to be called YouTube Music going forward — for music videos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ECONOMY

BoC keeps rate low, sees slower growth

Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz addresses a press conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Bank of Canada lowered its economic growth forecasts for 2016 and 2017 on Wednesday as it stood firm on its trend-setting interest rate.

The central bank maintained its July estimate for 2015 economic growth but downgraded projections for the next two years, blaming the hits to business investment and resource exports from persistently low commodity prices.

The bank maintained its July forecast that the economy will grow by 1.1 per cent in 2015.

The report presented a revised growth projection for 2016 of two per cent, down from 2.3 per cent, and a 2017 forecast of 2.5 per cent, down from 2.6.

In explaining its decision to keep its overnight rate at 0.5 per cent, the bank noted that inflation and economic activity was largely unfolding as predicted, even as low oil prices continue to weigh on the economy. It said the country's economy is bouncing back from the technical recession that kicked off 2015.

The central bank once again pointed to robust household spending as the key driver of Canada's economic activity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Canada mid-pack in G7 on coal phase-out policies
A study by climate think-tank E3G commissioned by environmental groups puts Canada in fourth place among the Group of Seven industrial countries when it comes to dealing with coal-fired power plants. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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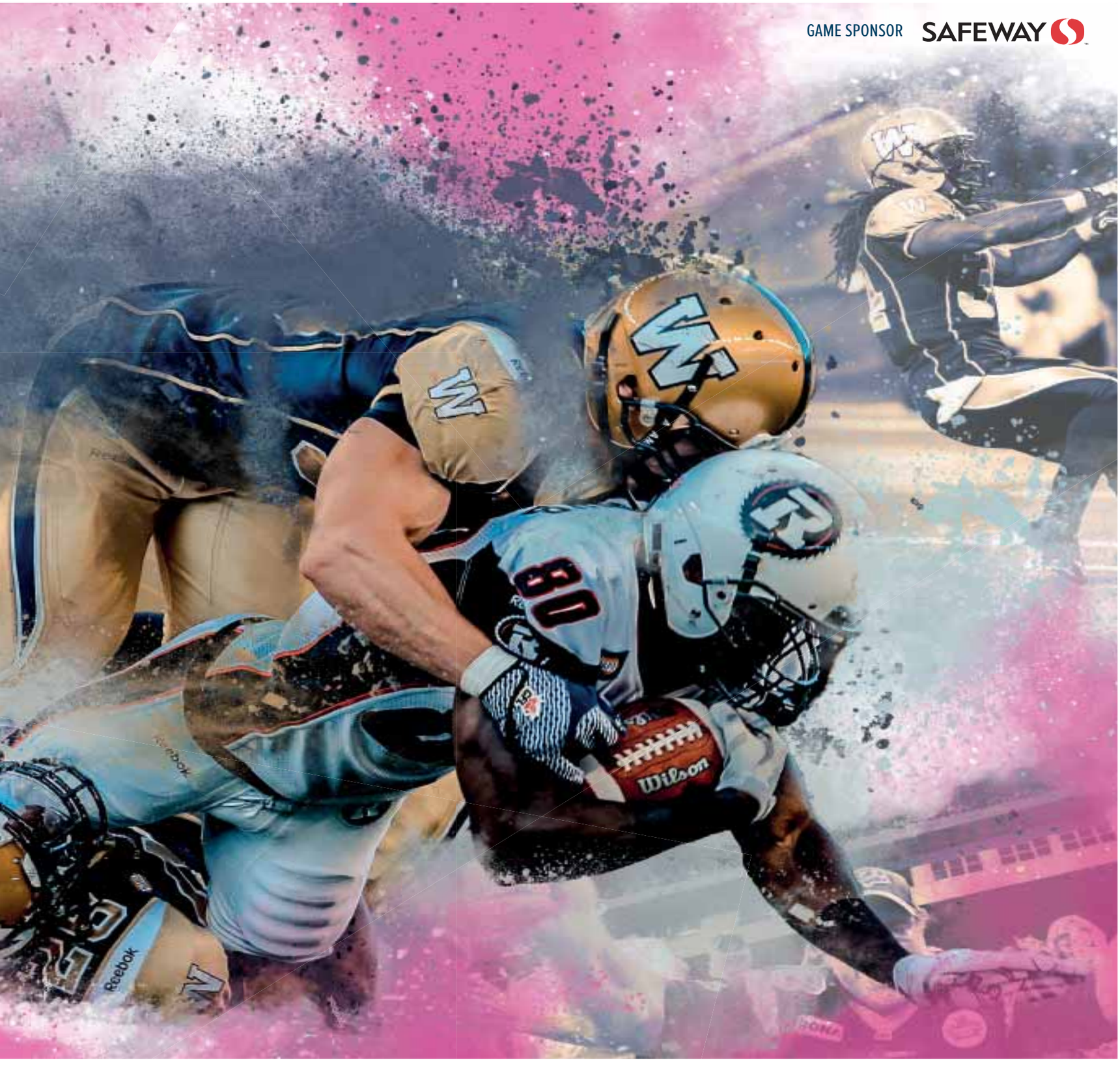

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON TRUDEAU'S CABINET

"Over and above all other choices, the new prime minister's picks for the finance and environment portfolios are the ones that stand to define his rookie government.

The cabinet Justin Trudeau unveils on Nov. 4 will have to hit the ground running.

From recasting Canada in the anti-ISIL international coalition, to deciding the fate of the just-negotiated Trans-Pacific Partnership, to beating a ticking Supreme Court clock on medically assisted suicide, to rewriting the Conservative anti-terrorism legislation and setting up an inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women, many of the items on the incoming government's to-do list are time-sensitive.

On Tuesday, Trudeau said he expected his future ministers to be "actual deciders." Time will tell how much real autonomy that job description will entail. What is certain is that the men and women who make up the first Liberal cabinet in a decade will all have their work cut out for them clearing an overloaded policy agenda.

Over and above all other cabinet choices, Trudeau's picks for the finance and environment portfolios are the ones that stand to define his rookie government. Here's why.

By definition, the finance minister comes second only to the prime minister in the cabinet pecking order. There is no margin of error in selecting the right person for the job, for one cannot change finance ministers like one changes shirts.

When Stephen Harper first came to power, Jim Flaherty had the inside track on the finance post, and picking Paul Martin was a no-brainer for Jean Chrétien.

In contrast with his predecessors, Trudeau has a variety of routes he could take. Some are more adventurous than others.

The Liberal leader wants to appoint an equal number of men and women to his cabinet. In the past, the promise to make more room at the top for women has mostly translated into filling the bottom tier of the cabinet with female ministers while leaving the front-line portfolios in male hands.

Canada has never had a female finance minister. To show he means business on gender parity, Trudeau could pick an economics-savvy former journalist such as University-Rosedale MP Chrystia Freeland.

Quebec was a bit player in Harper's three governments. Appointing one of his fellow Quebecers to finance would reinforce the message that the province is back at the big table. Economist Jean-Yves Duclos — who managed to get elected in the Quebec City Conservative heartland on Monday — has strong credentials for the post.

Toronto-Centre MP Bill Morneau is both an experienced Bay Street figure and a fresh face on Parliament Hill. His appointment would reassure corporate Canada that there will continue to be open channels between it and the new government without diluting Trudeau's change message.

A trio of veteran parliamentarians with hands-on experience in government in the shape of Ralph Goodale, John McCallum and Scott Brison round out the "safe" section of the list.

There is no such competition for the environment portfolio. If Trudeau is serious about dusting off the climate-change file, he will reappoint Stéphane Dion to his previous ministerial brief.

Little would send the international community the message that Canada is back in the climate-change battle more loudly than the return of the last federal minister to have played a constructive role on the issue on the world stage.

In contrast with finance, the place of the environmental file on a government's radar is proportional to the influence of its ministerial keeper. A former party leader, Dion has the gravitas to ensure the environment brief is not (again) shoved off the table.

The pipeline debate is where Quebec's sovereigntist leadership has determined to draw its latest line in the sand. Dion fought and won a war of words on the rules of a future referendum against more articulate sovereigntist champions than the current ones.

Trudeau has long argued that a lack of social licence accounted for the Conservative failure to get a single pipeline project off the drawing board. A strong pro-environment voice in the top tier of the cabinet is a precondition to restoring public confidence in the pipeline approval process.

It won't be hard for Trudeau to find a more inspiring finance minister than Joe Oliver turned out to be in the dying years of the Harper reign.

But on his choice of an environment minister, the Liberal prime-minister-elect will be held to a higher standard.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Punny literary treats

What happens when you cross Cervantes' masterpiece with an egg pie? Why, Don Quiche-ote, of course. That highly literary brunch dish is part of a veritable buffet of foods being served up at local libraries across North America. "Edible books" (in the metaphorical sense, of course) are a way to promote rediscovery of classic works and bring people together at the same time. The trend — which is riding the wave of pun-love flooding the Internet lately — has spawned creations such as All is Quiet on the Western Bundt (cake), a Tequila Mockingbird cocktail and a tribute to Hemingway's A Farewell To Arms featuring a double-amputee gingerbread man.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

A poet laureate is timeless and necessary in the digital age

When Anne Michaels is speaking carefully, the poet and author of the novel Fugitive Pieces puts her right hand to her forehead and gazes down.

When the words flow more quickly, she's likely looking at you with spirited eyes, maybe pushing a great wave of hair back off her face, as if to press her thoughts forward.

In 2015, in Toronto, a city of millions, the writer has a new title and a pressing question: what difference can one poet laureate make?

"I see it as a mandate to do something of value — small value, quiet value — but something of value," she says. And then she admits to hashing ambitious plans for her three-year tenure, city-wide events still too fledgling to name.

I'll be honest: when I heard Michaels had been selected, it made me care, for the first time, that poet laureates still exist. And even now that someone I admire holds the title in Toronto, it seems an incongruous role in the digital age. What does an old-fashioned figurehead role have to do with our lives — lived half digitally, outside the reach of geography altogether?

The poet laureate is a champion of all literature, Michaels tells me, and "language is how we speak out. It's our great hope, I think, so you can scold and excoriate and celebrate."

Poetry can seem destined for few and elevated shelves, the purview of devotees and no one else. But that is not how Michaels sees it.

It is "combustible" language, naturally anarchic and not necessarily bound in a book. It's a shot, a slash of graffiti on a building, anti-status quo, under the radar, a voice out loud alone in a room.

Her own writing often focuses on the dark, hard experiences of life. She says it's important "to go to those places that are incredibly difficult to look at, and then to see whether one can come out the other side, what can be made of that."

It is solitary work. But the role of a poet laureate is not. With collaborators at the City of Toronto, she intends to seek out all the layers of people here, their voices and languages.

"I mean, we're surrounded by languages, and every language here has a literature, so why aren't we bringing that forward somehow?" she asks.

There is a certain sense of helplessness in our society, she says, and rage among people who feel disenfranchised. Perhaps a poet laureate can offer, through language, power.

At a time when the problems are so big, that seems not only timeless, but necessary. In that sense, there's nothing symbolic about it.

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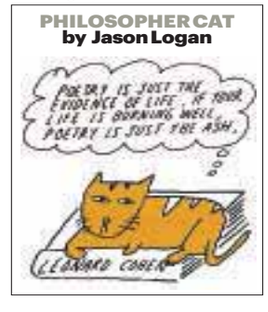

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BOOKS

Tavi Gevinson on life in New York and Yearbook Four

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Tuesday afternoon in New York, Tavi Gevinson was pacing outside her doctor's office near Broadway and 21st. Gevinson, 19, is in her first year at NYU and has kicked off the term with a fall book tour for her fourth and final instalment of Rookie Yearbook, a compendium of articles published on her Rookie Mag site.

On this bright October day, she's wearing "a big red sweatshirt" that reads 'Tuesday,' she says, speaking on her cellphone. "*Red*," she wrote in Sheila Heti's Women in Clothes, "*translates femininity to power.*"

She paired the sweatshirt with black pants ("pants are kind of new to me," the former style blogger says) and black ankle boots — black, "*the uniform of New Yorkers.*"

Gevinson landed in New York over a year ago, ahead of starring in Steppenwolf's Broadway revival of This Is Our Youth, for which she received rave reviews. The New York Times says Gevinson "nails exactly the aggressive defensiveness of a girl who sees boys as both the enemy and salvation."

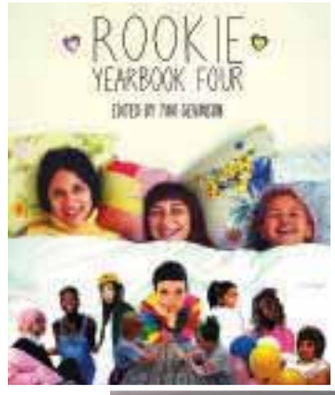
With a full day ahead, Gevinson is pacing, waiting and carrying a blue — "*It is the sky, the water, and Joni Mitchell*" — leather school bag. Speaking to Metro, Gevinson references lyrics from Mitchell's 1976 song Amelia: People will tell you where they've gone / They'll tell you where to go / But till you get there yourself you never really know.

She is talking about what she's learned over the years from the contributors to her site, which publishes personal essays, informational and tongue-in-cheek how-tos, photography, art and celebrity interviews.

"The best feeling for me is when I can experience Rookie as a reader," says Gevinson. "I think that it really is affirming to just watch other people try and understand their own experiences and being as candid, earnest or ugly as they need to be in order to get to the truth of the matter."

Gevinson founded Rookie Mag when she was only 15 years old and feeling that we needed more complex depictions of women in media. An online haven for young women to learn, share and grow, it is the spiritual successor to '90s alternative teen magazine Sassy.

"I basically just tricked a bunch of people into giving me advice, and then published it for other people to see, too," says Gevinson. But for all its insight, the site has never been prescriptive. "Rookie is not your guide to Being a Teen. It is not a pamphlet on How to Be a Young Woman," wrote Gevinson in her first editorial letter.



Rookie is an advising big sister, a friend who always listens, someone to laugh and cry with. "For me, it's always been with Rookie trying to walk a line between not wanting to romanticize the pain and the angst and sometimes actual depression of being a teenager but also needing to find the upside of it," says Gevinson, which she admits is difficult. "There's nothing more annoying than saying 'Look on the bright side' or 'It gets better' to someone who's still in it."

Gevinson, who graduated high school before starting on Yearbook Four, is still in it. "I was trying to embrace the unknown," says Gevinson. "I'm a year ahead of Rookie. I was trying to enjoy that uncertainty and that void."

In her editor's letter she consoles readers that it does, in fact, get better, although some things do get worse.

"I do feel that (Yearbook's senior issue) is a lot more optimistic about growing up," adds Gevinson.

From fashion blogger to feminist icon, Gevinson has grown up online. PETRA COLLINS/CONTRIBUTED

INTERVIEW

Train-themed thriller was writer's one-way ticket to success

When Paula Hawkins' debut psychological thriller The Girl On the Train hit shelves in January, critics were quick to tout the novel as the successor to Gillian Flynn's Gone Girl. But given the book's phenomenal trajectory — selling more than three million copies to date, with a movie starring Emily Blunt on the way — it's safe to say that publishers are now scrambling to find the next The Girl On the Train.

Hawkins' titular girl is Rachel, a divorced, unemployed alcoholic who finds solace in chugging back cans of gin and tonic while riding the commuter train in and out of London.

She becomes voyeuristically obsessed with a couple whose home she passes daily, romanticizing their perfect lives — until the woman goes missing, and Rachel becomes embroiled in the mystery of her disappearance.

Like Gone Girl and other female-centred stories before it, Hawkins' novel has brought up a debate about the "likeability" of its protagonist.

"It's a gendered thing. I don't think that men are asked about likeability to the same degree," she says. But niceness wasn't a trait that the 43-year-old London writer considered while creating Rachel, a challenging narrator even when sober.

Paula Hawkins says as soon as she started writing The Girl on the Train she felt "immediately better" after writing a couple of romance novels under a pseudonym. CONTRIBUTED

"Rachel was really interesting to write because she is incredibly frustrating and does really stupid things and has bad judgment, but I think that's what addiction is like. Some people couldn't stand her but I empathize with her," says Hawkins. "I think there are a lot of alcoholics, in crime fiction especially, who are loveable rogues, but that's not what I was interested in, because I don't really think it's that loveable, being a drunk."

Hawkins, who grew up in Zimbabwe, got her start as a financial journalist, which she says gave her discipline. She wrote a couple romance novels under a pseudonym, but found the genre challenging.

"I think it was useful in terms of flexing my fiction muscles, and learning how to create characters and plot, but I wasn't putting my heart and soul on the page," she says. "As soon as I started writing The Girl on the Train, I felt immediately better." SUE CARTER/METRO

Fashion victims throughout history

INTERVIEW

Writer says style not given the rigorous look that it deserves

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Most of us have dealt with the pain of squeezing into a pair of too-tight jeans or nursed blisters from ill-fitting shoes. But imagine putting on a dress or hat, knowing very well it's coated in poison.

That's the reality that Alison Matthews David brings to light in her new illustrated book, Fashion Victims: The Dangers of Past and Present, a fascinating but gruesome look at how some of the most beautiful and stylish garments produced throughout Western history have also been the most lethal.

An associate professor at Ryerson University's school of fashion, Matthews David played detective, scientist and cultural anthropologist for 10 years, digging through international museum collections to uncover the dangerous side of clothing (an accompanying exhibition is on display at Toronto's Bata Shoe Museum until June 2016).

"People don't take fashion seriously in some ways," says Matthews David, who is currently researching a follow-up title on the connections between clothing, crime and forensics.

Published by Bloomsbury, Fashion Victims travels through the 19th and early 20th centuries, tracking the deadly mercury toxins found in men's fur felt hats (hence the Mad Hatter disease); strangulating scarves and fire-attracting crinolines; arsenic-laced emerald ball gowns and floral headpieces that caused horrific illnesses and wounds, and a coal-tar solution that dyed fabrics a gorgeous mauve, but left its makers and wearers exposed to a poisonous chemical soup.

"Fashion is not just about a vision, it's about our bodies," Matthews David says. "There was such a celebration over this amazing new dye, but it was also a giant chemistry experiment on the public. At the same time, you can't deny it's a beautiful colour."

What is striking about the era is that often there was a broad awareness of these dangers and yet people continued to wear the offending materials in the name of fashion. But Matthews David cautions against holding judgment, comparing the situation to modern-day lipstick, which is often riddled with lead.

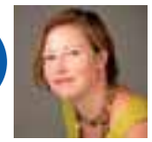
"The social investment in wearing these things and in our appearance is so strong," she says. "I wear lipstick. I dye my hair as well, so it's not really fair to point fingers. But it made me think about my own decisions in terms of being a consumer of fashion and cosmetics."

When Matthews David visited the Victoria & Albert Museum in London to examine its collection, she discovered that the men's headwear was still so toxic, it was wrapped in Mylar bags and identified with a skull and crossbones.

"It made me think of the bodies of the historical fashion victims," she says. "As a researcher, I have this privileged, gloved, hands-on access to these objects, so I really got close and personal. It brought it home — I can safely look at them, but what about the people who made them?"

This is where Matthews David gets political. Have the horrific conditions and exposure to chemicals faced by garment workers in the 19th century improved much in today's global "fast fashion" market? Do we, as consumers, care?

"We're not as much in contact with the horrors of how things are made in unsanitary or dangerous conditions," says Matthews David. "But I hope that people will think a little more about what's in their own wardrobes after this."



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Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

From fire-attracting crinolines to arsenic-laced emerald ball gowns, Fashion Victims gives a history of dangerous 20th-century designs. CONTRIBUTED

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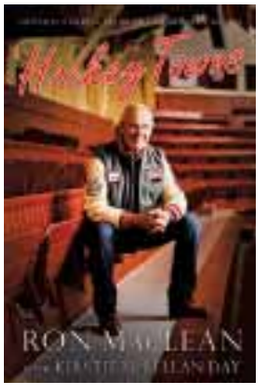
One Great Keeper in the Hands of Another



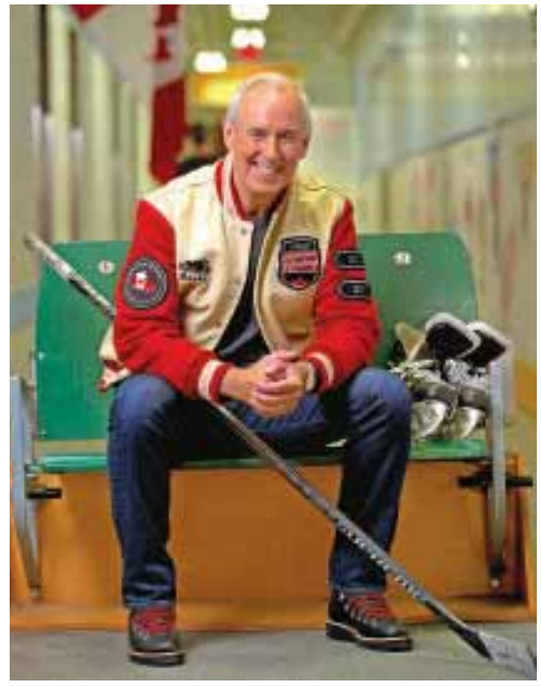
In Hockey Towns, Ron MacLean and co-author Kirstie McLellan Day tell some of the most interesting hockey stories from towns across Canada. In this excerpt, we are introduced to Ian Jenkins — "or Big E, as they call him" — a good-looking young man from London, Ont., who started skating at age two.

Ian Jenkins was a phenomenal fifteen-year-old midget goaltender. The Scouting News called him "the most effective 1995 goalie … in the system."

When he started in the net, his dad, Joel, would sometimes throw a puck bag over Ian's head, and like a scene from Star Wars, teach him to know and feel the crease without looking at it. Later, Ian trained with former pro Stan Matwijiw, who taught "Have a Purpose" (HAP) on the ice and in life. Ian really bought into that and wrote HAP on the inside wrist of his glove.

When the London Knights tapped him, Ian was on the ice. Joel was monitoring the OHL draft on his phone from the stands and he put both his thumbs in the air. Ian circled his net and pumped his fist in pure joy. Joel watched with an apple in his throat. All their dreams were coming true.

On May 19, 2011, the day before Ian was to leave, he



Twenty-four-year-old Kevin Folster needed a kidney. Ian's kidney would save his life.

was hanging with his buddies to say goodbye. He left Joel a message: "Hey, Dad, I'll wait for you at the corner around four o'clock. Love you."

Joel was minutes from the corner when a fire truck whizzed by with an ambulance in its draft. Suddenly, his phone was ringing. Gloria, Ian's mom, was breathing hard into the receiver. Ian had fallen from the back of a pickup and whacked his head on the trailer hitch.

Joel raced to the site and slammed the car into park so hard it almost rocked off its wheels. Ian was lying in the road, foaming at the mouth, and his limbs were contorting. Joel knelt next to him, talking softly. He searched his son's eyes, but he couldn't find him.

Just before midnight, a surgeon sat with the family and told them there was no hope. Joel remembered Ian saying he felt bad for all the kids who didn't have what he had, so the family made a decision. Twenty-four-year-old Kevin Folster needed a kidney. Ian's kidney would save his life.

One of the first things Joel did after Ian's funeral was reach out to Ian's buddy, the sixteen-year-old kid who'd been behind the wheel of the truck. Joel told him, "Accidents happen. You've got to be strong." But nothing's made life easier for Joel — he will always be missing a piece of his own HAP, and he's got a hole in his heart that will never heal. How can it?

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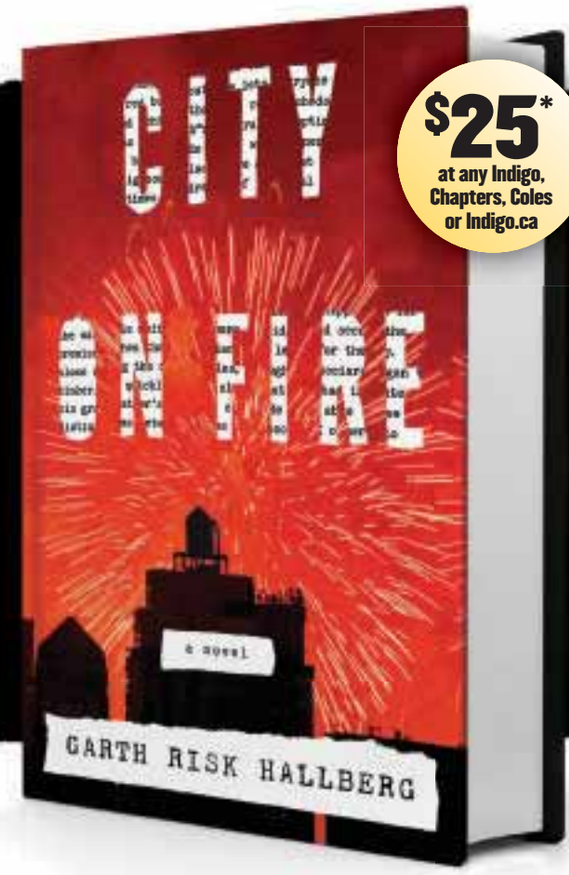

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The Golden Son rises after Secret Daughter

NEW FROM SHILPI GOWDA

Coming-of-age novel finds son at odds with his birthright

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Like her debut bestseller, Secret Daughter, Shilpi Somaya Gowda's new novel, The Golden Son, is a family-based saga that straddles two cultures across two continents.

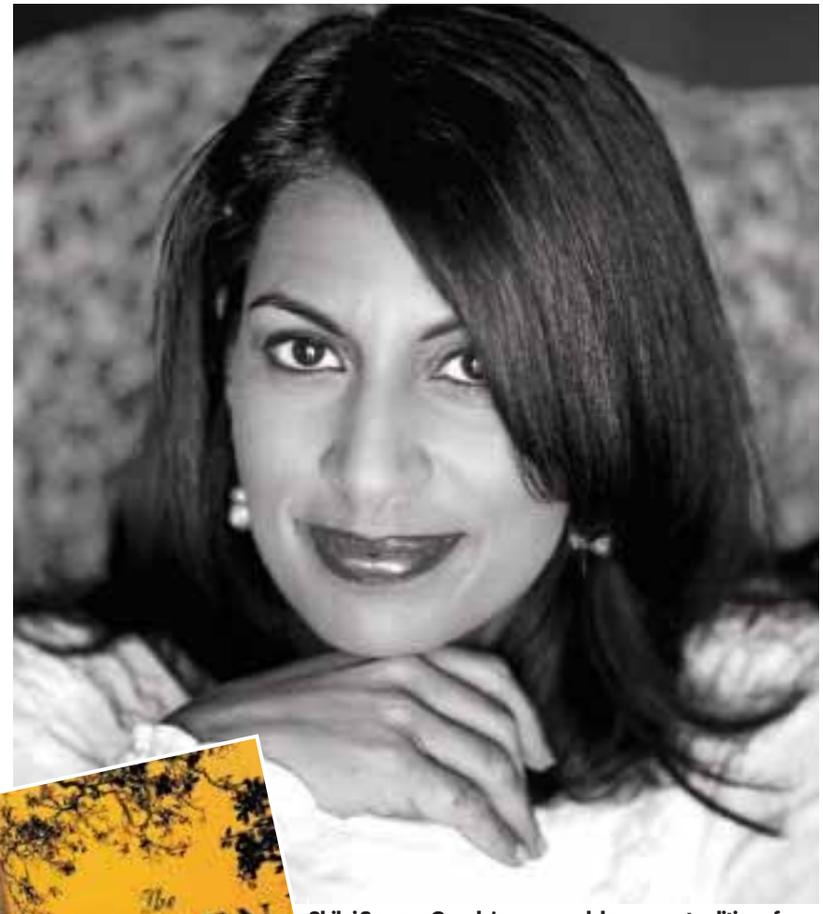
The story of The Golden Son (Harper Collins, $22.99) follows Anil, the doted-on eldest son of a large family in rural India, as he leaves home for America. His closest friend is the free-spirited Leena who bests him at childhood games in their village where Anil's father is clan leader and arbiter of its disputes. Settling disagreements is a role Anil is to inherit and one he struggles to accept as he moves half a world away to begin a medical residency at a large Dallas hospital.

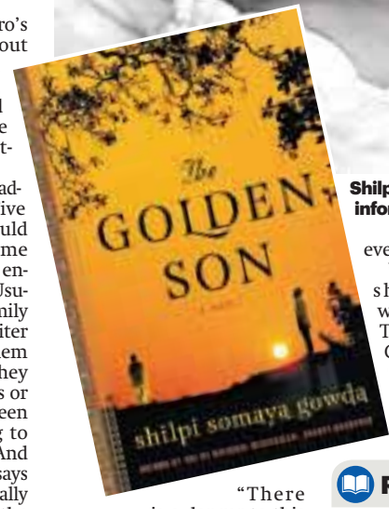
Gowda dropped by Metro's Toronto office to talk about how her sophomore novel was inspired by growing up as a child who witnessed within her own family the practice of informally settling disputes.

"In India there is a long tradition of an Assembly of Five Respected Elders who would adjudicate issues that came before them. That custom endured in different ways. Usually an elder male in the family would be the informal arbiter and people would bring them problems or issues that they had with property disputes or within a marriage or between siblings who were trying to divide up an inheritance. And I just found it fascinating," says Gowda. "As a child I was usually shooed out of the room or the house and told to go ride my bike but I'd listen at the door."

"That experience has always stayed with me. As I grew up and became an adult and started navigating issues in my own life I realized, much to my surprise, grownups don't always have the answers. I was really fascinated by that concept and I wanted to build a story around it."

The tradition of informal arbitration threads through the novel with unexpected repercussions.





Shilpi Somaya Gowda's new novel draws on a tradition of informal dispute resolution. CONTRIBUTED

"There is a danger to this type of setup, when it becomes too paternalistic, too much power concentrated in one person or in one family's hands," says the Toronto-born author.

"I thought it was important for Anil to change the way he viewed his father over time, from a hero worship at the beginning, a very simplistic view, which a lot of us have of our parents, to a more complex adult view that enables him to be better at the role that his father wanted him to play; that there is no black and white and everybody's flawed."

When asked what she hoped readers will take away from The Golden Son, Gowda says: "People surround themselves — and we can do this now with social media and 24-hour news networks — with people who have the same opinions as them. We don't have the same kind of vigorous open debate that we used to have. I hope people will say, 'hey, what did you think about that case,' and 'let's try and see each other's point of view and understand how we make decisions differently.'"

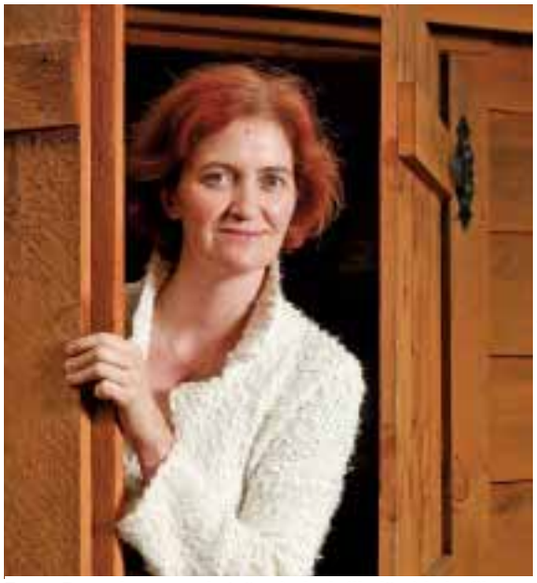
REEL DEAL

Coming to a screen near you

The screen rights to The Golden Son have been optioned to Toronto's Conquering Lion Pictures that produced The Book of Negroes miniseries. Gowda says she's excited about her novel being turned into a film, with a proviso.

"One of my favourite authors, Michael Cunningham, said that when you're an author and you sell the rights to your book, you should think of it as selling a house. You hand over the keys, and you go away. You don't stick around to tell them what colour to paint the front porch and whether to keep the doorknobs," Gowda says, laughing. "That's their job and you've done your job."

"The film will almost certainly be different than what I have in my mind. I look forward to seeing someone else's interpretation."



Emma Donoghue says she's "entirely thrilled" with the film adaptation of her novel Room. CONTRIBUTED

It's a Room of her own

INTERVIEW

Emma Donoghue had an active hand in bringing her book to film

Writer Emma Donoghue was heavily involved in the making of her wildly popular book Room into what is promising to become an equally popular movie — it won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. Donoghue, who lives in London, Ont., spoke about adapting a book to a movie.

Not all books are made into movies, nor should they be.
And, in fact, whenever your book is optioned you have to say to yourself "this will not turn into an actual film." So you can imagine how thrilled I am that we've actually reached this point and that it's a film I'm so proud of. From my point of view I'm just entirely thrilled with this film so it's a very, very rare and sweet experience for a novelist.

The film was a collaborative effort between you and director Lenny Abrahamson. How did that work for you?
I had drafted a screenplay before anyone came on the scene. I had done that before the novel was published, actually, because I had a strong feeling that Room would work well on screen and I thought I should try my hand at a screenplay before anybody was advising me or asking me about it. So I came to Lenny with a draft which he liked and then he put me through several more drafts. I was getting feedback not just from him but from the producers and various funders.

In the book there's a lot of internal dialogue — a lot of thinking. Was that a challenge to translate to screen?
I remember thinking we really need a cinematic equivalent for the child's point of view in the book rather than trying to put in huge wedges of voice-over. We actually use voice-over in the end but very sparingly to kind of mark little breaks between sections. The obvious way to do this would have been with an almost continuous voice-over and I didn't want that. Because in a way the camera can show you what the boy sees.

Did you have to make any compromises you'd rather not have made?
Going into this I already knew that sticking literally and closely to the book is not the way to translate the magic; there's a lot to be said for creating a film on its own terms. I'm a highly enthusiastic cinema-goer and I don't think any writer should go into the business of adapting her own work unless she genuinely finds film just as interesting and worthwhile as books. You shouldn't go in with any kind of snobbery around it.

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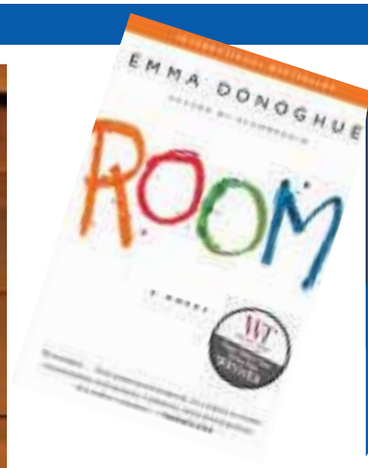

I honestly couldn't say which is better. Once you see the performance of, say, Brie (Larson), she seems more vivid than anything in the book.
Emma Donoghue comparing her book to the film

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GOSSIP BRIEFS

The bold and beautiful

Photo editors take note: Zendaya is aware of your touch-ups and she's having none of it. The singer and Disney star spotted some curious discrepancies between her new cover of Modeliste magazine and, well, her real body. "Had a new shoot come out today and was shocked when I found my 19-year-old hips and torso quite manipulated. These are the things that make women self-conscious, that create the unrealistic ideals of beauty that we have," she posted to Instagram. "So I took it upon myself to release the real pic."

The magazine took down the offending photos. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

What romance?

Don't bother asking Kate Hudson about those pesky dating rumors that link her to Nick Jonas, because she isn't talking. On Watch What Happens Live, Andy Cohen tried to tease confirmation out of her about the much-speculated-about fling, but no dice.

"I don't like addressing any kind of gossipy stuff," Hudson says. "My agent has been my mystery man maybe 25 times. You can't hug someone or talk to someone without it ending up being a thing." So you're saying it's a thing? That's totally a confirmation! NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

NONSENSE

Philosopher Jaden Smith spouts again

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Magical second-generation Hollywood quote machine Jaden Smith is back with some wonderful pronouncements, in case you needed a pick-me-up.

In a chat with GQ, Smith admits that he's dedicated to "being, like, one of the craziest human beings to ever exist," so don't worry about offending him when you call him nuts.

"It's fun, bro. That's what a lot of people don't realize," he explains. "I feel like it's an honor, actually, for people to think I'm crazy. Because they thought Galileo was crazy, too, you know what I'm saying? I don't think I'm as revolutionary as Galileo, but I don't think I'm not as revolutionary as Galileo."

He also has aspirations toward cryptic, not quite anonymous altruism, because of course.

Young Smith is a lover not a fighter. HANDOUT

"It'll be kind of like Banksy," Smith explains. "But in a different way. More of a social impact. Helping people, but through art installations. It'll be like, 'This just happened that helped a bunch of people over here. We don't know who did it, but these symbols and things were left around, so we can only guess that it's Jaden and the squad.'"

Mixing fame with motherhood

NEW MUSIC

Underwood finds balance on her fifth studio album

Carrie Underwood is pure poise on the red carpet, on stage and on TV — but she's finding it hard to strike a balance these days, she says.

"I think mom guilt is rampant in my life," said Underwood, whose son Isaiah was born in February. "I still constantly wonder, 'Is this fair to him? Is my life fair to him?'"

Underwood, whose new album, Storyteller, is out Friday, knows the exhaustion that comes after being up all night with a fussy baby during album launch week, or the remorse in bidding him goodbye in the morning and knowing she'll be working long after his bedtime.

As she sings in Smoke Break, an ode to the working class that is now in the Top 5 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart, it's hard to be a good wife, a good mom and a Christian.

"He's my No. 1 priority," Underwood said. "But it's just a question of how am I going to do this?

"I'll probably never find the answers to those questions."

When she was pregnant and writing songs for Storyteller, she initially wasn't ready to sing about the joys of motherhood. "I would have writing dates with people and they would come in and push me in that direction," Underwood said. "And I was like, 'Eh, no.' I do not want to write an album of mushy baby songs. Or mommy songs. That is not me."

But she did co-write What I Never Knew I Always Wanted, a reflection on the realization that motherhood filled a hole she never knew she had.

For her fifth studio album, she worked with two new producers, Jay Joyce and Zach Crowell, along with her regular producer Mark Bright.

Joyce, who won a CMA Award for producing Eric Church's album Chief and is nominated this year for Little Big Town's Pain Killer, brought a dark, rock edge to the album.

"There's definitely some twang on the album," Underwood said. "That almost makes it super fresh compared to a lot of what is out there right now. It's not old, not old country, but it's more traditional." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ottawa

Here's a one-bedroom-plus-den in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood. It features an upgraded kitchen with stainless steel appliances, and boasts great views of downtown from the balcony, as well as an in-suite laundry and building security. Amenities include a party room, swimming pool and a gym. It's walking distance to Ottawa University, the downtown and the market. Listing agent Kelly Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.

$409,900

Halifax

Here's a suite in a new condominium building called Monaghan Square that's conveniently located between Robie and Windsor streets in Halifax West. The 1,146-sq.-ft., one-bedroom-plus-den features an open-concept living-dining room and an office-den, opening out to the bedroom through double French doors. There's a powder room, an ensuite with double sinks and a large walk-in closet. Six stainless steel appliances, underground parking and a storage locker is included. Listing agent is Brenda Mackenzie from Domus Realty, 902-471-0555.

$319,900

Calgary

This new suite is located in a brand-new building called the Guardian. Located on the 17th floor, the unit offers southwest views from the deck, as well as quartz countertops, upgraded laminate flooring and stainless steel appliances. The open-concept floor plan features a spacious kitchen with island in a good-sized living room with access to the deck. Listing agents are Tim Lind and Richard Fleming for RE/Max Real Estate Mountainview, 403-333-0837.

$249,900

Vancouver

For sale is this fully renovated suite that's conveniently located in Marpole, close to transit, shopping, a community centre, Richmond and the downtown. The 661-sq.-ft. floor plan includes a large master bedroom with double closets, an enclosed balcony, plenty of room for a full kitchen table and living-room furniture. The reliable, older building is well maintained with low condo fees. Storage locker and underground parking is included. Listing agent is Keith Roy with RE/Max Select Realty, 604-210-2933.

$599,000

Toronto

Just listed is this truly unique ground-floor waterfront loft-style condo, with views of the lake and fronting onto a park. The suite features an open-concept space with 10-foot ceilings, heated floors and a large 370-sq.-ft. terrace. There's also 274 sq. ft. of loft storage and two separate entrances, as well as six high-end appliances. It's the perfect urban retreat, says listing agent Maria Ursini with RE/Max Condos Plus, 416-203-6636.

$174,900

Edmonton

This one-bedroom condo suite is located in the Centurian Tower and is perfect for both first-time buyers and investors. The unit features a large living room, a large bedroom, a galley kitchen and four-piece bathroom. It's located on the sixth floor and has a west-facing view. The unit includes one assigned parking stall and a storage room on the same floor. Brent Macintosh is a sales representative with RE/Max River City, 780-464-0075.

Home inspiration away from home

The Captain's Cabin room is the largest offered at NYC's Jane Hotel. Its panelled walls, patterned wallpaper and carpeting give the room an ageless Bohemian feel.

DESIGN CENTRE

Victorian meets Bohemian at The Jane Hotel

Karl Lohnes
For Metro Canada

I often get decor inspiration from my travels and the hotels I stay at. I was recently inspired by the Victorian/Bohemian mix seen at The Jane Hotel in New York City. Pattern, colour and a return to tradition seem to be hot decorating buzzwords lately, and The Jane has subscribed to all of those — done in a timeless manner that suits its historical building site while standing guard over the Hudson River on the Big Apple's west side.

The majority of The Jane's rooms are tiny budget-conscious spaces adorned with wood panel and resemble train cabins more than actual rooms. There are larger rooms with private baths called Captain's Cabins with views of the river and adjoining outdoor terraces.

Although traditional in style, there is nothing "grandmotherly" about this hotel's style. If you like the look then here are some current marketplace products available to help you achieve the look at home.

($125-$395/night, TheJaneNYC.com)

1 Chelsea Swing-Arm Sconce
Wall-hung lamps help save space on a small nightstand and offer the perfect height of light for reading. $181, PotteryBarn.com

2 Pendleton Green Wallpaper
Wallpaper has made its comeback — so the walls at The Jane Hotel have been on trend for the past 100 years! $24/roll, GrahamBrown.com

3 Colour: Blue Stream
Painting all mouldings a colour (rather than predicable white) helps to set a historical tone to the room. BenjaminMoore.ca

4 Small Decorated Metal Table
Exotic touches help create a well-travelled style throughout the space. $149, ZaraHome.com

5 Lace Frill Bedspread & Pillowcase
Add a splash of colour to the room with a bed cover that can easily be changed with the seasons. $36-$160, ZaraHome.com

6 Safavieh Heritage Area Rug
Patterned carpeting evokes hotel luxuries of yesteryear — the perfect solution for keeping a room cozy while standing up to wear and tear. $370/5'x8', Lowes.ca

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Troy Tulowitzki's 11 RBIs are second only to Paul Molitor (13 in 1993) among Blue Jays in a single post-season

Estrada carries Jays back to K.C.

Marco Estrada's performance on Wednesday kept Toronto alive to play at least one more game. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB PLAYOFFS

Royals look to finish ALCS with win in Game 6 Friday

Marco Estrada can count on striking it rich as a free agent in the off-season. Wherever he ends up, the Blue Jays will still owe him big-time.

For the second time in the post-season, the 32-year-old right-hander kept Toronto alive — this time with a gem of a pitching performance in a 7-1 win over Kansas City that forced a sixth game in their American League Championship Series.

Estrada was near flawless in limiting the Royals to one hit over seven innings and three over 7-2/3 innings.

"Everything he threw up there was right where he wanted it," said Toronto manager John Gibbons.

"He had everything going. He's sticking that fastball, nice little curveball, and his overpowering changeup. He shut down a good-hitting, hot team."

Estrada retired the first nine Kansas City batters he faced. A single in the fourth — promptly erased by a double play — and a two-out walk in the seventh were the only blemishes on his pitching line in the first seven innings as he retired 21 of 22.

He exited in the eighth to a standing ovation after giving up a two-out solo homer to Salvador Perez followed by a single to Alex Gordon.

"Today he was absolutely dynamite," said Royals manager Ned Yost. "He didn't miss spots. His changeup was fantastic. He just didn't give us anything to hit."

ALCS Game 5

The Royals still hold an edge going home, leading the best-of-seven series 3-2. The teams go at it Friday in Kauffman Stadium, with Toronto's David Price likely facing Yordano Ventura in a rematch of Game 2, won 6-3 by the Royals.

Game 7 is Saturday, if needed.

Troy Tulowitzki drove in three runs in a four-run Toronto sixth and Chris Colabello contributed a solo homer in the second before a loud crowd of 49,325 under the dome at the Rogers Centre.

"It's been a while since I pitched here, and I forgot how great our fans were," said Estrada. "It was pretty loud today. I had a lot of adrenalin going."

Estrada is the first Toronto pitcher to throw seven consecutive shutout innings in a post-season game since Jimmy Key in Game 4 of the 1992 World Series

Still, with the Royals having the edge going home, Yost said his team is feeling good.

"We knew it was going to be a tough series," he said. "But after winning the first two games, in reality your goal is to come to Toronto — kind of a foreign environment, a hostile environment — and at least win one. Then you get to go home and win one there and the series is over."

Tulowitzki, whose once cold bat has warmed up nicely, accounted for most of the offence by clearing the bases with a double in a four-run sixth.

The Jays shortstop, still feeling the effects of a late-season shoulder injury, came into the game hitting just .194 (7-for-36) but he has been a game-changer with the bat in three of Toronto's post-season outings. And despite playing in pain, he has been a big contributor to the defence.

Tulowitzki set a club record for most RBIs in a single ALCS (seven). THE CANADIAN PRESS

GAME 6 MATCHUP

David Price

2015 post-season stats

16.2	IP	12.1
1-2	W-L	0-1
7.02	ERA	6.57
1.14	WHIP	1.78
15	K	16

Yordano Ventura

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The case for keeping Buff

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

Andrew Ladd may be the Jets' captain but Dustin Byfuglien is a real leader in the locker room and on the ice. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

It has been well documented that Winnipeg Jets General Manager Kevin Cheveldayoff has some huge decisions to make in the next few months.

While the Jets have started out the season 4-2 going into the weekend, the pending unrestricted free agency of captain Andrew Ladd and Dustin Byfuglien is the elephant in the room.

Open phone shows in the city routinely are dominated by the conversation of who should be re-signed and for how much. And if the Jets are not going to sign one or both of these players, how does the GM proceed to protect the value of the assets and avoid being left with nothing at the end of the season?

We'll leave the trade possibilities for another day. The question here is who to sign for the likely six-year term it will take to get them to stay in Winnipeg?

Like most Jets fans who realize the value to the team of both Ladd and Bylfuglien, I would like to see them both in Winnipeg long-term. But while the popular vote in the city has seemed to support retaining Ladd and sending Byfuglien packing, the more this season progresses, the more I think the Jets need to sign Buff.

Byfuglien is a special player, maybe the most unique in the league. The combination of his incredible size, agility and scoring prowess are impossible to find. If anyone can point out another option of a 270-pound tank that can log 20-plus minutes on blueline nightly and score 20 goals, please let me know. And as much as Ladd is a great captain and leader for the Jets, Byfuglien is the heartbeat of the Winnipeg Jets locker room and a leader on the ice without a letter on his chest.

The game of hockey is also changing. The role of enforcer in the NHL has diminished to the point that the Anthony Pelusos of the league are on the endangered species list. It is increasingly difficult for NHL coaches to dress players who are there for their physical presence and pugilistic expertise.

So assuming that, who better to have in the lineup to have the backs of the Jets new, smaller young stars than the most physically imposing player in the league that actually plays big minutes?

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I realize in the past there have been legitimate concerns about Byfuglien's commitment to conditioning. Craft the contract to maximize incentive to show up at camp in great shape. And yes, a 35-36 year old Byfuglien may be victim to the law of diminishing returns, but as long as he stays committed and in shape, I see no reason to believe that a player of his exceptional talent can't be effective for the duration of the contract term.

If it meant losing Ladd, the Jets would miss the production of their most reliable player, but new, younger players are here and on the way to pick up the slack. As far as the captaincy, Blake Wheeler would have the C slapped on his jersey in two seconds and I don't think the club would miss a beat in that department.

Buff is one of a kind. A player you simply cannot replace. Sign the big man and make him a Winnipeg Jet for life.

NHL

Jackets bring in Torts to end skid

John Tortorella hoisted a Stanley Cup in Tampa Bay and led the New York Rangers to the verge of a championship berth.

At woebegone Columbus, the Blue Jackets have a more modest goal for the veteran coach: Win a game. Tortorella is back coaching in the NHL after the Blue Jackets fired Todd Richards on Wednesday with the team off to an 0-7-0 start.

John Tortorella THE CANADIAN PRESS

"He's proven he's a good coach," said centre Brandon Dubinsky, who played for Tortorella with the Rangers from 2008-12. "He's going to help our group."

Tortorella, who won the Stanley Cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2004, has been out of hockey since the Canucks fired him in May 2014 after one season in Vancouver. He takes over for Richards, who had been with the Blue Jackets since 2012 and led them to only their second NHL playoff appearance in 2013-14, when they lost to the Pittsburgh Penguins in the opening round.

"One of the problems right now is expectations," Tortorella said. "Expectations that weren't there last year with this club."

Columbus is just the sixth NHL team to open with seven consecutive losses, after a 4-0 defeat against the New York Islanders on Tuesday night. It's the Blue Jackets' worst start in franchise history, and their longest losing streak since 2005. That's not the type of start that was expected from a team that restocked its roster this summer after closing last season on 16-2-1 run.

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Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne, centre, shoots and scores his side's second goal during the Champions League Group D match against Sevilla at the Etihad Stadium, Manchester. CLINT HUGHES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Brilliant De Bruyne keeps City second

Kevin De Bruyne scored an injury-time winner as Manchester City rallied to beat Sevilla 2-1 in the Champions League on Wednesday and continue its recovery in Group D.

Playing as a lone striker in the final minutes, the Belgium playmaker collected a pass from Yaya Toure, cut inside and drove a low left-footed shot inside the far post in the first of four minutes of stoppage time.

Yevhen Konoplyanka put Sevilla ahead in the 30th minute with a first-time shot from 12 yards as the Spanish team caused City problems on the counter-attack in an open game at Etihad Stadium. Sevilla defender Adil Rami unwittingly bundled the ball into his own net in the 36th to put City level. City is second in the group, a point behind Juventus.

Elsewhere, Cristiano Ronaldo could not find the target for Real Madrid and Zlatan Ibrahimovic had an even less impressive performance for Paris Saint-Germain as the Group A leaders drew 0-0.

Perfect in their two previous group games, PSG and Real produced a largely sterile match at the Parc des Princes, Paris.

The three-time defending French champions lacked imagination and pace to break through the 10-time European champions' defence, with Madrid happy to sit back and play on the counterattack.

In the absence of the injured Gareth Bale, Karim Benzema and James Rodriguez, Madrid coach Rafael Benitez had to field a largely reshuffled team that still created the best chances.

Both PSG and Real have seven points halfway through the group stage.

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RESULTS

Group A
PSG 0, Real Madrid 0
Malmo 1, Shakt Donsk. 0
Group B
CSKA 1, Man Utd 0
VfL Wolfsburg 2, PSV 0
Group C
Atl Madrid 4, FC Astana 0
Galatasaray 2, Benfica 1
Group D
Man City 2, Sevilla 1
Juventus 0, Borussia Mon. 0

RECIPE Corn Pancakes

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

What's better than breakfast for dinner? Some days, nothing beats the ease and speed of hearty, savoury pancakes.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil, plus a bit for the pan
- 2 cups buttermilk (or 2 Tbsp vinegar added to regular milk)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 1/2 cups corn meal
- 4 scallions, trimmed, chopped

Directions
1. Pour frozen corn into a bowl to thaw as you prepare the rest of the recipe
2. Beat egg whites into soft peaks and set aside.
3. Blend egg yolks, oil and buttermilk well.
4. Mix flour, cornmeal, baking soda, baking powder, salt and sugar.
5. Combine wet and dry ingredients and add corn and scallions. Gently fold in egg whites. Let stand 10 minutes before cooking.
6. Heat a small amount of vegetable oil in a pan at just above medium. Pour 1/4 cup of batter per pancake into the pan, cook until you see bubbles along the edges, flip and cook for a minute or two on the other side. Serve with a salad or steamed veggies for dinner!

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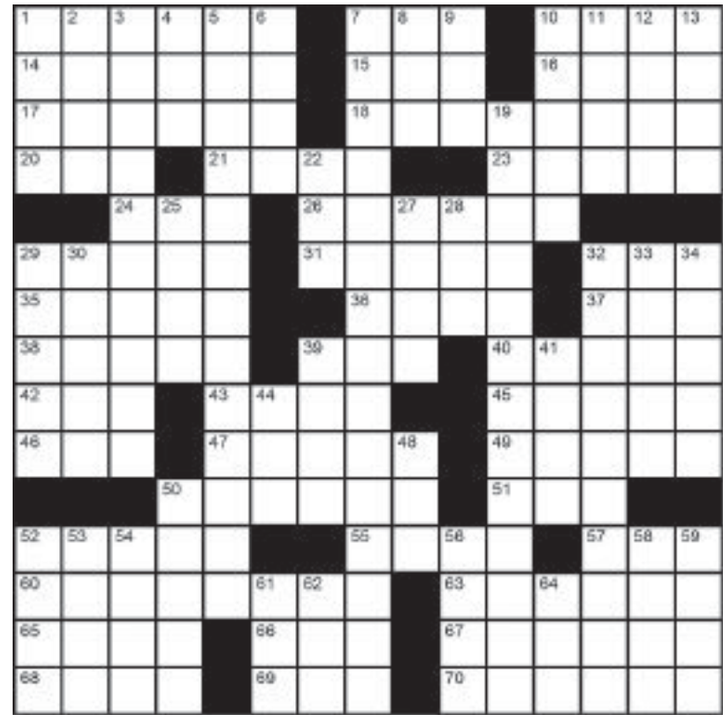
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Lake __, in Banff National Park
7. Soldiers Joe and Jane
10. Hawk
14. About [abbr.]
15. Parisian tap liquid
16. __-dokie
17. Spice mixture of India
18. Bikini alternative
20. Will Smith movie
21. Mr. Sharif
23. Puff __ (Type of viper)
24. Hoover __
26. "Maybe...": 2 wds.
29. Words to live by
31. Heads: French
32. NBA's Rockets, on scoreboards
35. Shade of green
36. Collaborative website name prefix
37. Smartphone add-on
38. In the midst of
39. French seasoning
40. Paddled
42. Use a needle and thread
43. Cheers!
45. Elaine __ ("Taxi" role for Marilu Henner)
46. Bart, to Homer
47. Segments
49. Chasm
50. Press down the pill bottle's cap: 2 wds.
51. Tic-__-Toe
52. Murdered
55. Memo
57. Knock the door
60. More than enough
63. Safe
65. And others [abbr.]: 2 wds.
66. Superlative suffix
67. 'Proud Heritage, Bright Future' town in Ontario
68. Goes off course
69. Alphabet's last letter, to a Canadian
70. Sportswear brand

DOWN
1. The Dalai __
2. October's birthstone
3. 1980 disco hit for Diana Ross that goes "Instinctively you give to me / The love that I need...": 2 wds.
4. Rosemary's Baby novelist Mr. Levin
5. Villain in "Superman's Song" by Crash Test Dummies: 2 wds.
6. Test
7. Bread, Grocery Stores... Canadian company founded in 1882: __ __.
8. Sir McKellen
9. Go to court
10. Annuls
11. Just barely got by
12. Kind
13. "The __ Hunter" (1978)
19. CBC documentaries program, "The __ __"
22. River islet
25. Gulf of __ (It's between Somalia and Yemen)
27. Gas or elec., e.g.
28. "Vampire bat!"
29. Elegance
30. Lothario
32. John Candy is a private investigator in 1989 comedy "Who's __ __?"
33. Opinionated newspaper columns
34. Beehives, at the salon
39. Transport
41. Rhyming scheme
44. Anecdotal collection
48. __-Cat (Ski hill machine)
50. Markets
52. Adhere
53. Greek salad cheese
54. Imperfection
56. Bygone sovereign
58. Prefix that means 'Mars'
59. Added benefit
61. "That '70s Show" role
62. Expend
64. NFL's Browns city, shortened

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A snap decision is called for and there is no way of knowing how it will turn out. The worst thing you can do is to make no decision at all, so call it as you see it and hope for the best.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
There will be a number of obstacles placed in your path. Although they may be annoying they won't be too serious, so don't overreact. With the Sun moving into your opposite sign tomorrow, the less hassle the better.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Work and health matters will take on extra importance. Think deeply about what you are doing and the effect it is having on your physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The Sun's move into the dynamic area of your chart will coincide with a surge of confidence, and because you look at life in a more positive way others will be more upbeat too.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You will face several challenges. The most important of these will be to find out why partners and loved ones are suddenly so hard to get along with. Could it be because they feel a bit neglected?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Money matters worry you less beginning tomorrow. If you get the urge to travel don't resist it. A journey of just a few miles could lead to something special.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't worry if something important is leaving your life because something better will replace it. Everything in life tends to balance itself out: a Libra of all people should know that.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The Sun's move into your birth sign marks the start of a new solar year, so by all means go out and celebrate. An evening spent with loved ones will put you in the right frame of mind. Do something special over the weekend.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You would like nothing better than to live in your own little world for a while. So why don't you? You can be as anti-social as you please.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Are you doing something useful with your life? Does your existence make a difference? However you answer those questions you will get the chance to do a good deed over the next 48 hours.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is no time to be cautious. Don't sit back waiting for opportunities to come to you. With your persuasive talents you can easily get people in positions of power to favour you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun is moving into one of the most adventurous areas of your chart. Take full advantage. If you get the chance to travel don't hesitate, just pack your bag and go.

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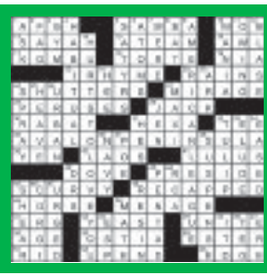

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